MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not a loss to refuse the hall when the public wanted to hire it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The hall is not intended for revenue purposes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not generally hired?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is, for occasions which are accepted to be proper by the committee.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it justifiable on the part of the committee to refuse the use of the hall when there is no specific purpose for which it is reserved?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have their own reasons for refusing the use of the hall. The committee consists of 9 members, I believe. They considered the question and decided that the hall should not be given.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know if it is not given for raising revenue by letting the hall on hire for dramatic purposes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I say the object of the hall is not for obtaining revenue. When it is let to private persons, rent is levied.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to part (*k*), may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that some leading Vernacular papers criticised adversely the action of the committee in refusing the use of the hall?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. the Government are not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to try to see whether there were any adverse opinions in the Vernacular papers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not think it necessary at this stage to examine the matter.

Publication of Revised Education Code.

247. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it a fact that the Education Code is under revision at present, and, if so, will the revised edition be available to the members of the Council before the Budget Session of this year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Education Code is not under revision at present.

Graduates in the Anchal Department.

248. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many graduates were entertained in the Anchal Department since 1096; and

(*b*) their present position and pay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement* furnishing the information is laid on the table.

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